(b) whether any note is received in the month of June, 2004 on the violation of above guidelines by the Indian edition of "International Herald Tribune" published from Hyderabad;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) This Ministry, in June 2004, on learning about the publication of an Indian edition of the "International Herald Tribune" from Hyderabad, by M/s Midram Publications Pvt. Ltd. had written to both M/s. Midram Publications and the International Herald Tribune to stop forthwith, publication of the same, as it violates the extant print media policy of the Government, which does not allow publication of an Indian edition of foreign newspapers.

Earning through advertisements

†217. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the income earned through advertisements;

(b) whether Government are aware that the number of viewers of Doordarshan is decreasing in villages also;

(c) the profit at which the twenty four hour DD News Channel of Doordarshan is running; and

(d) the difference between the profit earned by the DD Metro and DD News?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Prasar Bharti has informed that Doordarshan earned Rs. 530.23 crores through advertisements, sponsorships etc. during the last financial year *i.e.* 2003-04.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that according to National Readership Survey 2002, the number of Doordarshan Viewers in rural areas was 122 million. This number has increased to 143 million as per Indian Readership Survey 2003.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Unlike private TV channels, Doordarshan a Public Service Broadcaster is not run on purely commercial considerations as it has to fulfil the mandate as per Prasar Bharti Act, 1990. Doordarshan does not maintain a profit and loss account. Prasar Bharati has, however, informed that gross revenue earned from DD Metro during 2003-2004 (from April to October 2003) was Rs. 18.53 crores while that from DD News was Rs. 10.33 crores (November 2003-March).

Community Radio Programme

218. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the Government with regard to Community Radio Programme launched in February, 2003;

(b) the number of Universities applied so far for Community Radio Programme, State-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated so far for this programme since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Ministry has received 56 applications, which are under process in accordance with the Guidelines laid down for grant of Community Radio Licenses. Letter of Intent has been issued to 17 institutions and License Agreement has been signed with 2 institutions. The Country's first Community Radio Station has become operational since 1st February, 2004 at Anna University, Chennai.

(b) The State-wise list of the 56 applications received is given enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) The Government has not allocated any funds for this programme. The institutions are required to have their own transmitter and associated studio facilities etc.

Statement

State-wise list of applicants for Community Radio Licenses

1.Andhra Pradesh

National Instt. of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad Godavary Instt., of Engg. & Technology, Rajamundry

2. Bihar

State Instt. of Education & Technology, Patna Indian Instt. of Business Management, Patna